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1. KOHBAYASHI OF MOFA HAS RAISED SUBJECT OF PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH SUBJECT AGREEMENT ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE. HE REPORTS THAT CONTRARY TO AGREEMENT REACHED IN JANUARY 1977, CANADIANS HAVE MADE ACCESSION TO THEIR TERMS SINE QUA NON FOR RESUMPTION OF URANIUM SHIPMENTS FOR JAPAN'S ACCOUNT.

2. ACCORDING TO KOHBAYASHI, DURING JANUARY NEGOTIATIONS CANADIANS AGREED TO RESUME SHIPMENT OF NATURAL URANIUM TO U.S. IF JAPANESE ACCEPTED CANADIAN TERMS IN PRINCIPLE. ALL POINTS WERE ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE, BUT THEN CANADIANS ASKED FOR AN INITIALED TEXT OF AGREEMENT BEFORE RESUMING SHIPMENTS. KOHBAYASHI WENT TO OTTAWA TWO WEEKS AGO FOR THIS PURPOSE, ONLY TO FIND THAT INITIALING WAS NOT SUFFICIENT. HE POINTED OUT TO GOC THAT LONDON SUPPLIERS CONFERENCE HAD ESTABLISHED WORKING GROUP TO SET UP MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY TERMS FOR EXPORT CONTROLS WHICH WOULD BE UNIFORMLY CONFIDENTIAL

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APPLIED BY ALL SUPPLIER NATIONS, THAT DRAFT ERMS HAD BEEN TABLED BUT USSR WAS UNABLE TO AGREE ON GROUND THAT IT NEEDED MORE TIME FOR STUDY, AND THAT MATTER IS DUE TO COME UP AGAIN AT JUNE 22-24 SUPPLIERS MEETING. HE OFFERED TO SIGN INTERIM AGREEMENT WITH GOC PENDING ADOPTION OF SUPPLIERS GUIDELINES AND TO THEN ACCEPT SUPPLIERS GUIDELINES IN WHATEVER FORM THEY EMERGED. GOD REFUSED.

3. IN SUBSEQUENT MEETING OF OKAWA AND KOHBAYASHI WITH ARMACOST OF NSC AND EMBOFFS, JAPANESE AGAIN RAISED CANADIAN PROBLEM AND ASKED (A) WHETHER USG WAS DISCUSSING MATTER OF "DOUBLE SAFE-GUARDS" WITH GOC AND (B) WHAT WAS USG POSITION. THEY ALSO SAID THAT GOJ DELEGATION NOW IN WASHINGTON HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO RAISE ISSUE ALSO. USG REPS SAID THAT THEY HAD NO INFO ON U.S. VIEWS OF MATTER AND WOULD QUERY WASHINGTON.

4. GOC AND GOJ FOREIGN MINISTERS ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET ON JUNE 13-14; THIS MATTER SEEMS CERTAIN TO ARISE AT THAT TIME. ON OTHER HAND, CANADIAN EMBOFF HAS INFORMED US THAT MOFA HAS BEGUN TO HING THAT IN LIGHT OF BREAKDOWN OF TALKS IN OTTAWA, FONMIN HATOYAMA'S PARTICIPATION IN JUNE 13-14 MINISTERIAL IS IN QUESTION.

5. EMBASSY HAS REPORTED SEVERAL TIMES IN PAST OF CANADIAN SAFEGUARDS ISSUE AND HAS GOOD ACCESS TO GOJ PRINCIPALS INVOLVED. WE WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING USG POSITION SO THAT WE AN TRY TO INFLUENCE GOJ ACCORDINGLY.
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